

# Founder of Casa Mia, Phillip Bellafatto Sr. dies

Longtime Hoquiamite Phillip Michael Bellafatto Sr., who opened the first pizza parlor on the Harbor in 1952, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 1999, in Grays Harbor Community Hospital at Aberdeen. He was 84.

Bellafatto was the original owner and operator of the Casa Mia restaurant, located first in Aberdeen. He retired in 1974.

A resident of Hoquiam for 57 years, he was born Feb. 8, 1914, at Long Island, N.Y., to Michele and Maddelina (Lianne) Bellafatto. He grew up in Patterson, N.J., and served in the Army during World War II.

He married Margaret (Stawski) Vanogle, from whom he was later divorced.

She died in 1988.

His second wife was Maria Forbara; they also later divorced.

Bellafatto enjoyed all sports,

including fishing, horse racing and boxing.

He was a life member of the Aberdeen Elks and also belonged to the Sons of Italy and the International Footprinters Association in Aberdeen.

Survivors include a son, Michael of Shelton; a daughter, Louisa Marie Bellofatto of Sun Valley, Nev.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A son, Phillip Jr., died in 1985. Three brothers and one sister also died before him.

Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 28 and 29, at the Whiteside Funeral Chapel in Aberdeen.

A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Aberdeen. Interment will follow in the Wishkah Cemetery.

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Phillip Sr. Michele (Lianne) Bellafatto b. Feb. 8, 1914-d. Jan. 24, 1999  
buried St. John's Cemetery. See obituary. Phil opened the first pizza parlor "Casa Mia"  
on the Harbor in 1952, located in Aberdeen, Wa. Margaret buried St. John's Cemetery  
Attended Wishkah 1944-d/o Antone (Victoria?) Stawski See Antone Stawski After  
Margaret & Phil, Sr. divorced, Margaret married Emie Van Ogle  
Children:  
Michael  
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Phillip Michael Bellafatto Jr. deceased  
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May 28, 1944 d. Apr 1985 buried St. John's

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
8th grade education  
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